

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MAY 8, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING – Animal Control Fees and Charges – Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing regarding animal control fees and charges. He asked if there were any questions or concerns. Berkemeier voiced his concern regarding a clarification for boarding fees. He said he thought it should match the ordinance stating a fee of \$5 per day. After discussion it was decided to leave it as is. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Council President Smith said he forwarded a law suit that was filed in Rush County that is in conjunction with the previous complaint. He said it has no merit. He asked Council if they had any interest in filing a counter suit. He said it was his recommendation that they file a counter suit. It was also recommended by our attorney. Berkemeier made a motion to move forward with a counter suit for damages and time invested. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said they have been working on the Overlook park concepts and the trail design.

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – Ivy Tech and the Council Chambers have been carpeted.
- **Cherry Street** – Time has been spent regarding the law suit.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Wrapping up.
- **Housing** – The attorneys are starting to move things forward.
- **ECDC** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said next week is police week. Lisa Bear with the MORE program requested uniform law officers to help serve a meal for their event next Wednesday from 6-8.

Next Friday from 9-12 RES will participate in their unified Olympics. There may be some traffic restrictions.

Animal – Warden Cottrell handed out her April report. She said 146 animals were taken in during the month of April. 12 animals came from 1 house. The year to date intake is approximately 300. As of today 6 dogs and 1 cat are at the shelter.

Cottrell said her goal is to bring the shelter up to date. In doing this she is trying to define job descriptions. Casey is currently defined as an animal control officer. However she is doing much more. She has received her certification to euthanize. Cottrell presented an organizational chart for review. She said she made a request through the Board of Works to raise Casey's salary from \$12.12 per hour to a salary position of \$31,200.00 per year. This comes to approximately \$15.00 per hour. She would take the funds from her current budget and would not need to increase this year's budget. Bridges said Cottrell has proved that she can do this and stay within her budget. Smith said she has done an awesome job. Smith made a motion to approve the request to move Casey to Assistant Director and increase her pay to a salary of \$31,200.00 per year. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. This will be effective the next pay period.

Fire – Assistant Chief Munson reported that Cory Fisher passed his testing and the paperwork has been sent to Perf.

The boat is in and we will be training on the river soon.

Dairy Queen will be having a sponsor night on May 29 from 4-9 p.m.

Park – Mayor Pavey reported in the absence of Director Burklow. He said they have been mowing. They sprayed for dandelions and received some push back.

Some adjustments were made on the trailer hydraulic system and they replaced the battery with a bigger one. This has shown to be much more successful.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2019-3 Animal Control Fees** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2019-3 for Animal Control Fees and Charges. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Street Lights South of Town Phase 1 Recommendation** – We are still waiting to hear from Duke.
3. **CCMG – Local Roads Notice to Proceed** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation to proceed. Smith made a motion to proceed with the notice. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Bids/Proposals 335 W 4th Closing 5/9/19** – The closing will take place tomorrow.
5. **Cupp Property 214 E 2nd** – We are working on the notice to bidders. A survey was not needed since we were able to get the description from Carmen. We hope to bid in June.
6. **Stellar Taff Building RFP – BOT** – There were 2 proposals. One has the financial component in it and the other does not. We will review both.
7. **Campaign Quarters and Windsor Negotiated Assessment Agreement** – Councilman Berkemeier said they are in agreement with the assessment on the Windsor and there is no need for tax abatement. Berkemeier suggested that next year we review Campaign Quarters.
8. **Resolution 2019-14 Termination of Tax Abatement Campaign Flats** – We will need to have a public hearing at the next meeting.
9. **Letter of Intent Thomas Tetrault (Fish Moon Brewing) Signed** – The letter was signed and sent.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Trane CF1** – Joe Lux was present to represent Trane. Smith made a motion to approve the CF1s from Trane. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Animal Shelter RFP** – Mayor Pavey said this allows local contractors to bid. We will put on this on our web site on Friday. Smith made a motion to proceed. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Traffic Committee Updates:**
 - a. **Marble Falls Street Re-Dedication** – Chief Tucker reported that we are in communication with the owner to dedicate the street.
 - b. There was a speed related issue discussed at the Board of Works meeting and a resident made a request for a “slow children at play” sign. He said he would not recommend a “slow children at play” sign. They will look for another remedy for that situation.
 - c. There has been a request for a stop sign somewhere in the Perkins Street area between 9th and 11th. We will place the speed sign in the area to get some data.
 - d. We have received a request for a one way street in the 400 block of Spencer. We are discussing with the residents in the area due to their parking.
4. **Fire/Rescue** – Rescue Liquidation 1 & 2 – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for approval to sell the 2 original ambulances purchased from Shelby County. The value is approximately \$85,000.00 for the pair. Cameron made a motion that Newhouse prepare the paperwork to sell the 2 ambulances to the City of Muncie. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Police Car** – Chief Tucker received a call from Campbell Brothers that they had a 2015 Dodge Charger that they purchased at auction. They are asking \$21,000.00 and the vehicle only has 2000 miles. They have talked to the school and they have agreed to pay 50% of the vehicle. Campbell will also take vehicles in trade. The potential cost to the City is \$8,000.00. The school asked that there be a stipulation that when school is in session they will have first access to the vehicle for the SOR program. The attorneys are putting together an agreement. Bridges made a motion to move forward with the purchase in conjunction with the school. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tucker also reported that on May 15th Poppa John’s trailer will be here for a fund raiser.

6. **Resolution 2019-15 Support of County Wide Fiber Initiative** – This is not yet prepared.
7. **Tim Byrd Annexation – 1305 N Spencer** – Tim Byrd has requested that we look into annexation of his property.
8. **Resolution 2019-13 Temporary Loan** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-13 as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. **Project Pete** – John McCane said we received an RFP on March 25th. On May 3rd the company committed to come to Rushville. They will invest 29 ½ million dollars. Their average wage is very strong for us. He will prepare a time line of what we need to do. They will start off with 12,500 acres in the industrial park. They will build a warehouse this year. It will be a 5 year process. McCane said this is great for Rushville. He also said it was an advantage that we had the site prepared so they could get right to work on their facility.

McCane said Project Columbus is still on the table.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **Housing Bonds – Developer Backed May 21**
2. **Utility Board Leak Protection May 21 – Utility Service Partners**

CLAIMS AND MARCH 2019 BANK RECONCILEMENT: Conner moved to approve the claims as presented and the March 2019 bank reconciliation. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.